

This is to express my support for allowing full and open competition in the long distance telephone market. I believe that fair competition among all telecommunications providers will generate savings for businesses and consumers by reducing rates for long distance calls. For this reason, I am urging you to support SBC Pacific Bell's long distance application. According to the Telecommunications and Research Action Center, Californias will save up to \$800 million in combined local toll and long distance calling in the first year after SBC Pacific Bell enters the long distance market. This is a savings we cannot afford to pass us by, and I ask for your full support.

Thank you, Sal Quintero, Councilmember, City of Fresno.